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SUBJECT: GREEK COUP

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1. ACCORDING EXTEL TICKER, FONSEC BROWN SAID, IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS IN COMMONS APRIL 24, THAT SITUATION REMAINS CONFUSED.

2. ASKED BY LABOR BACKBENCHER TO CONFIRM HMG DOES NOT RECOGNIZE NEW REGIME, BROWN STATED, "THAT POINT DOES NOT AT THE MOMENT ARISE. MY LATEST INFORMATION - IN VIEW OF HEADLINES IN MIDDAY PAPERS- IS THAT THE KING IS NOT UNDER HOUSE ARREST. IT IS THEREFORE AT THE MOMENT QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO DECIDE WHAT THE STATUS OF THE NEW REGIME IS, AND IT WILL BE WISE TO WAIT A LITTLE AND TO SEE. OF COURSE, TO SEE A FRIEND AND ALLY GOING THROUGH THIS KIND OF TROUBLE IS AS MUCH CONCERN TO US AS TO THEM, SINCE ONE REMEMBERS HOW MUCH CAN FLOW FROM THIS IN OTHER DANGEROUS AREAS OF THE WORLD."

3. FONSEC REPORTED HIS EARLY AFTERNOON ATTEMPT TO PHONE BRITISH AMBASSADOR ATHENS, "WHO IS ABSOLUTELY FIRST CLASS MAN", MET WITH REPONSE THAT ALL CALLS TO ATHENS BEING REFUSED THERE.
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